NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

DEAR BROTHER:—I enclose to your address, "Post Office order" for $7.00, $5.00 is sent by Mary Miller, $1.50 for the EVANGELIST, ten cts. for the Brethren's Annual for 1887, the remainder $3.40 to be used for the College debt. Nan Breakiron also sends $1.00 and so do I for the same purpose—the College debt. My Mother, Mary Miller, now in her 89th year, is most anxious to see the College free from debt. She watches the paper from week to week, and reads with the greatest interest and anxiety the progress of the work. She followed Bro. Holsinger in all his travels, shared his hopes, felt his disappointments and prayed that he might succeed in his task. And now when there seems no more to be done, and the work is not quite accomplished, she feels that she must give something in addition to what she has already given. She fondly hoped the sisters, one and all, would respond to the call for $1.00, but while a few came forward nobly, the many are unheard from. She thinks they surely ought to be able to deny themselves and give that sum, towards the cause of education and the right. Although her work is done, or nearly so, she feels that younger hands must be lifted up to bear the burden. It is her hope and her prayer that before long we may all rejoice in the knowledge of a College free from debt and ready to receive into her fold many of the youth of the land. May the Lord bless Bro. H., and all who work for the cause of Christ.

LAURA H. SNIDER.

Easton, W. Va.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—I have just returned from my Western trip. Bro. A. M. Ridenour was with me at our meeting at Auburn, Ill. We could not make many converts. We only baptized one there. In other respects they said the meetings were good. Bro. A. M. Ridenour is a good preacher and Bro. Jones is an excellent singer. The attendance and order was very good. Our meeting closed with a very enjoyable communion service.

The writer was very agreeably surprised by the members and friends of Auburn, in presenting him a fine quilt, as an appreciation of his services as their pastor, for which he feels very grateful.

After our meeting at Auburn closed, I stopped about a week in Clinton County, Ind., and preached for the people, but had to close just when the interest got very good. Two came out the last evening I preached. I then went to Flora and filled my regular monthly appointment. One from the old order united with us there.

Bro. Jones is now at work at Flora, giving instructions in music. He has a large and interesting class, and will soon organize in other towns. They are very fortunate in securing his services, and we expect soon to reap some of the benefits, in the way of good singing at Flora. The brethren expect to have their new church ready for services by the first of January.

I expect to commence a meeting at West Independence, Ohio, on the 13th inst., to last 10 days or two weeks. My correspondents will address me at that place for the next ten days. The Lord bless his work everywhere.

J. A. RIDENOUR.

Ellerton, O.

DEAR EDITOR:—Since our last communication, we have received large accessions; that is we mean to our larder, such as nourishment for the outer man. Our brethren and friends, of McKees, came around with a wagon, and unloaded it at our house. Thank you, brethren. Unlike Bro. Mason, we were at home, and couldn't possibly say, "come again."

Bro. Holsinger preached for us on the evening of the 5th, and did pretty well too, for a beginer.(?) On the evening of the 6th, attended the communion at Enterprise. Had a pleasant meeting, though not so large a representation as might have been. Bro. Holsinger remained over Sunday and preached. At this writing he is visiting his mother and friends hereaways, and reminding us that we have a College at Ashland.

Our Union church at Fredericksburg will be dedicated the first Sunday in December. In our humble opinion, it is questionable as to the propriety of discussing doctrinal questions through the paper. It might be expedient, was the paper only circulated among the church.

We are glad to learn that Bro. Yoder is coming out from the real estate business and entering the pulpit; also that Bro. Worst is intimating that he will come forth from his mountain fastness and preach. So may it be.

SPANOGLE.

Martinsburg, Nov. 10.

New Virginia, Iowa.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Bro. P. J. Brown came to our place the 10th of October, and preached a little over one week with great power, to large congregations, during his stay with us. He was on his way home from California, and quite a number of us were very glad to see him, some of us not having had the pleasure of seeing him for a number of years. And we were ever so glad to have him stop and preach for us. We had the precious truths dealt out to us so earnestly and eloquently by Bro. Brown, that saints were encouraged, and I hope sinners were made to quake and tremble. While here he made many warm friends, and our wish is that he may come back again. His visit was appreciated by all, who would say: Come again whenever you can, and worship with us.

JOSEPH ZIMMERMAN.

Maple Grove Church.

We have only one minister here now that labors for us; viz., M. Lichty who has preached for us for seven years, also laboring very hard with his hands for all of which the Lord will more abundantly bless him, both in this world and in the world to come. If the members were not so poor here they could assist him, financially, so that he would feel encouraged to hold a series of meetings before the weather becomes so cold. Perhaps we could persuade Bro. C. Forney or some other brother to assist him, if the members could reward him. "The laborer is worthy of his hire."

We still keep up our Thursday evening prayer meetings, which are pretty well attended. Our Sabbath school which was ably superintended through the summer by Bro. A. Collins, and through the fall season by Bro. T. C. Leslie, from Nappanee, Ind., came to a close last Sunday. The average was excellent, considering the settlement here.

I hope the EVANGELIST may prosper, and I will try and do what I can for it. I do really think that all the brethren that are lively workers "for Christ and for the interest of the church," that they, each one of them, should have a copy of the *church paper* and thus support it financially, and should also improve their talent by writing for it. I will try and improve my *one talent*, if my health permits, but I have had poor health for a year or more, and as trouble like a gloomy cloud, has gathered thick and thundered loud, I have not written for some time. Yours in Christ,

CARRIE HOLSINGER.

Ripon, California.

Our little band called the Christian Society, met today for the first time at 11 o'clock A. M. There were twelve present. The little meeting opened by singing and prayer. The 13th chapter of Matthew was read by the society, and a few brief remarks made by the writer. We sincerely hope the little seed sown may have been sown in good soil, and that it may bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of the Master. The Society thought it right, just and proper to introduce some church literature in their families. I suggested the Brethren Evangelist, which was accepted. I herewith enclose these names:

Rev. L. Dooley,	Ripon,	Cal.
Mrs. Nancy Frederick,	"	"
Mrs. Martha Frederick,	"	"
Mrs. Elisiff Dirst,	"	"
Mrs. Julia Wilcox,	"	"

B. G. FREDERICK.

Ripon, Oct. 31.

Westmoreland County Items.

Our protracted meeting at Jones Mills commenced on Sunday the 31st of October. Bro. Wampler came to help us on the evening of Nov. 5th, and since that time has been entertaining us with his pleasant discourses. The weather has been very unfavorable. Snow and rain have made the roads almost impassable. Two have made application for membership; and others are almost persuaded, and I think will come before the meeting closes. Our business meeting will take place this afternoon, and our communion will be on Sunday evening, the 14th.

Grand and glorious EVANGELIST No. 44! Thank God for brother Brown's timely remarks in EVANGELIST No. 45, in regard to the communion discussion. Also for brother Garber's firm stand in the matter. Brethren, instead of devouring each other, let us love and pray for each other.

STEPHEN HILDERBRAND.

Jones Mills, Pa., Nov. 12th.

Altamont, Cal.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—For some time past our brothers and sisters have learned a good deal about us in California, and although brother Brown has left us, and got once more to his dear home, we do not wish to lie dormant, but let you know a little more about us at Altamont.

The brethren here with a few Christian friends, met at the home of brother John Perret, for the purpose of taking steps to build a Brethren Church at Altamont. The meeting was harmonious and I must say I never saw a meeting more imbued with a Christian spirit than this one was, each one being anxious to do all in his power to assist in the work. Sisters Perret, Finch, Shanks, and brother Thomas were appointed solicitors to raise the funds necessary to build, and I am proud to inform all, that they have met with great succcess. We have had a nice site donated for three years. Three trustees, a secretary and treasurer have been elected, so now I think we are getting into something like shape for our Master's work at Altamont. And since we have Bro. Beer in our midst, and a church built, oh that we may have a double portion of the spirit of God poured upon us that we may work more and more for our Lord and Master. Should any brother or sister wish to assassist us in raising our little Bethel, we shall be truely thankful. It is our earnest wish to open it free of debt. And such donations can be sent to sister John Perret, of Altamont, California, who is our treasurer. And now brothers and sisters, while you may not assist us financially, do remember us in your prayers, that the good work we have begun may be completed to the glory of God. Yours in Christ,

WILLIAM SHANKS.

The Fair Haven Communion.

On Saturday afternoon, November 13, in company with my wife, we started for Fair Haven church to attend their communion, which came off that same evening. On account of the terrible snow storm on the 12th, putting the roads in bad condition, the attendance was not as large as usual upon such occasions. From a previous notice in the EVANGELIST the Brethren expected a delegation from Ashland, and Bro. Brown drove up to West Salem to meet a delegate, but for some cause they all failed to materialize. The Fair Haven Brethren however were in good spirits, for, when we arrived Bro. Jacobs and some of his self-sacrificing and zealous members were already on hand, with Bro. Jacobs at the front, wielding the sword of the spirit with his usual zeal and earnestness. The feast was an excellent one, although the attendance was not as large as usual. I have become convinced that the more private, and in the least crowded condition that we can hold our communion meetings is the very best; for such proved to be the case again at the Fair Haven feast. In fact if there was a member at the tables that did not enjoy a spiritual feast for the soul, it certainly was his own fault, and I believe all did enjoy a soul-refreshing season. The very best of order prevailed during the entire service; and the Fair Haven Brethren are so admirably fixed for holding their communion meetings, and with Bro. Brown at the helm officiating, every thing moved along so smoothly, that no one thought of becoming wearied or restless, and thus, another one af Fair Haven's most enjoyable communion meetings closed. On Sunday morning following the feast we again repaired to the church at the call of the bell, to witness the closing of their Sunday School. The opening consisted of a song and prayer service, after which every scholar and spectator was presented with a nice little paper sack full of candy, which the little folks enjoyed to its fullest extent. After the treat speeches were made by Brethren Brown, Kiefer and others. Much credit is due to brother Swineheart the superintendent, and his co-workers in the Sunday school work for the success of this Sunday school. That their labors are appreciated was shown by the hearty vote of thanks that was tendered him by the whole school. Thus closed another term of their Sunday school with bright prospects for the future.

It may be of interest to the readers of the EVANGELIST to hear something of Bro. Brown, our returned missionary from the Pacific coast. At their feast was the first time I met him since his return. To say that brother Brown is "chuck full" of the sights and enjoyments that he realized, is not putting it too strong. A short time after his return the people of Congress [Bro. Brown's home,] insisted upon him to prepare what he saw and learned on his trip to Cal., and deliver to them a lecture upon the same, which he consented to do. The citizens of Congress raised a collection amongst themselves and hired the public hall of the town, and tendered it to Bro. Brown, in which he delivered the lecture, entitled, "What I saw and learned on my late trip to California and return." He was greeted by a large and appreciative audience, and it is said the lecture is the master-piece of Bro. Brown—the grandest effort of his life. At the urgent request of many of the Fair Haven brethren, Bro. Brown has agreed to deliver this lecture at the Fair Haven church on Saturday evening, Nov. 27. At this time, as well as in Congress, the lecture will be delivered free. He does not ask one cent until the goods are delivered. After the close of the lecture however, Bro. Brown will have a collection taken up and the money turned over to the Ohio Home Mission for its use, thus giving every one within reach an opportunity of hearing Bro. Brown, and of paying liberally to the Home Mission fund, if so inclined. If the evening is a favorable one the Fair Haven church will be full, and it is to be hoped that the graphic description that Bro. Brown gives of his trip will so enthuse the congregation that the Home Mission Fund will receive material aid as an appreciative evidence of Bro. Brown's effort.

ISAAC KILHEFNER.

Bro. Bashor is now in the midst of his second week's work. Up to date, seventeen have confessed Christ and many more are deeply convicted. The house, though large, is packed too full for comfort at each service, and the religious interest of the meeting is felt for miles around. It has spread all through town and out into the country, and what the end of this glorious revival may be, I cannot tell. The preacher is in earnest and so are the people and as a truth, God is in the whole.

JOHN MONTGOMERY.

Milford, Ind., Nov. 5.